

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An optical connector includes a housing including a coupling portion for  
5 coupling another optical connector and a blocking component for blocking an  
optical axis arranged in the coupling portion. The blocking component has a  
shutter plate blocking the optical axis and being pivotably supported by the  
housing with a pivot shaft and an elastic portion for normally biasing the shutter  
plate to a closed position. The shutter plate pivots between a position blocking  
10 the optical axis and a position to which the shutter plate is forced to move by the  
other optical connector when the other optical connector is inserted into the  
optical connector.